



The White House.

Mrs. Roosevelt has sent to the members of the Rebekah Lodge, I. O. G. T., of Oyster Bay, a Mexican bride and whip, made of brilliantly colored horse-hair, which was woven by the Mexican Indians. The bride and whip will be sold at a fair the members of the Rebekah Lodge will hold December 16.

Miss Roosevelt, the daughter of the President, left Washington for New York yesterday afternoon to participate in the ball which will be given by Mrs. Ellen Roosevelt in honor of the coming-out of her daughter, Christine, on Tuesday. Miss Roosevelt will not return until a few days before Christmas.

Among the Diplomats.

Miss des Planches, who is visiting at the Russian embassy, has made a tour of the world, has lived in Paris, St. Petersburg, and Tokyo, but is frankly delighted with America, and enthusiastic in her appreciation of the kindness and hospitality she has received at the American Capital. Miss des Planches takes great pleasure in adding to her trousseau, which has been collected from all quarters of the world, articles of American origin and manufacture.

The silver service of the Italian ambassador, which was recently received from Italy, is much admired. It consists of 100 pieces of plates, urns, candleabra, bonbon and fruit dishes, which are engraved with a pattern known as the encyclopedic, because of the medallions of famous people that form part of the design.

Madame Hengelmuller, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is slowly improving. She is, however, still confined to her room, and unable to receive her friends.

The members of the Belgian Legation are still in mourning for the late Queen of the Belgians, but the period of deep mourning having past, Baroness Moncheur receives her intimate friends and participates in unofficial functions. The baroness is at present entertaining her sister, Miss Clayton.

The Cabinet.

Mrs. Hay has decided to receive informally in December and will be at home every Wednesday afternoon.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw gave a large dinner party last night. The chief ornament of the table was a handsome silver loving cup, filled with roses, a gift from the Secretary to Mrs. Shaw. The guests were Senator and Mrs. Dilliver and Miss Dilliver, Representative and Mrs. Hull and Miss Hull, Representative and Mrs. Conner, Representative Walter I. Smith, Judge and Mrs. O'Connell, and Miss O'Connell, Captain and Mrs. Shriner, Mrs. Fountain, Miss Fountain, and Mrs. Ainley.

The Attorney General and Mrs. Knox are entertaining Mr. Lefshman, the American minister to Turkey.

Miss Wilson, the daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, will receive informally on Wednesday afternoons.

In Military Circles.

Letters from Gen. Nelson A. Miles, recently received in Washington, state that he and Mrs. Miles will reach Pekin on December 15, where they purpose remaining until after the holidays.

Col. L. A. Mattie, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, who is on leave of absence from his post at Monterey, Cal., has taken an apartment at the Portland.

Commander J. J. Eaton, U. S. N., and Mrs. Eaton will pass the winter at the Hotel Gordon.

Mrs. Whitted, wife of W. S. Whitted, Lieutenant, U. S. N., now on duty on the U. S. S. Chicago, who has spent the last year in Europe, arrived at New York on the Lahn from Genoa last week.

Mrs. and Miss Cowley, wife and daughter of Paymaster Thomas H. Cowley, U. S. N., have returned from Europe and will pass the winter at the Buckingham.

General and Mrs. Whitlatch have taken the house 1748 P Street for the season.

Mrs. Joseph Philip Mickle, wife of the late Commander Mickle, U. S. N., will pass a part of the winter with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Edith Mickle, on Winthrop Heights.

Weddings.

The wedding of Miss Henrietta Bates and Dunn McKee will take place Saturday afternoon, December 27, at the Bates residence in N Street. Mr. and Mrs. McKee will leave immediately after their marriage for Florida, where they have taken a house for the winter. The attendant matrons for Miss Bates' wedding will be Mrs. Olmsted, wife of Representative Olmsted, of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. William Seudder, of Chicago. The bridesmaids will be Miss Mildred Barnes of New York, Miss Henrietta Whitney of New Haven, Miss Carroll of San Francisco, and Miss Katherine



J. ST. LOE STRACHEY.

Story of Boston. Lanier McKee, brother of Dunn McKee, will act as best man, and the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, of New York, a classmate of Mr. McKee, Yale '96, will celebrate the marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Parker have sent out cards for the marriage reception of their daughter, Louise Le Vaun, and Edmond Spencer Blackburn, member of Congress from the Eighth Congress district of North Carolina, which will take place Thursday, December 18, from 1 until 3 o'clock, at the Parker residence in Vermont Avenue. Only the family and a few of their intimate friends will be present at the ceremony, which will be performed half an hour earlier than the reception. Representative and Mrs. Blackburn will live at the Grafton this winter, where Mrs. Blackburn will receive Tuesdays in January.

Mrs. Sarah Cromwell Bent, widow of Ward Bent, a well-known Philadelphian, who died four years ago, and Archie Pell, of New York, were married at Bordentown, N. J., on Thursday. The Rev. Robert E. Campbell, of Princeton, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Pell is a beautiful woman, tall, slender, and graceful, with marvelous brown eyes. For her wedding gown she wore a tulle-colored broadcloth trimmed with sable, with hat and gloves to match. Mr. and Mrs. Pell left for Bordentown for a wedding trip through Canada immediately after their marriage.

Miss Charlotte Bayne will be married to Gardner Corning, of Providence, on December 16 at her home, 119 East Fortieth Street. Her sister, Miss Virginia V. Bayne, will be her maid of honor. Miss Bayne is a sister of Mrs. Henry J. Davidson, of 121 Madison Avenue. Mr. Corning is related to a number of well-known families, including the Dominicks.

Sinclair Gannon, ensign, U. S. N., and Miss Dell Triplett were married at Abilene, Tex., on September 25.

Samuel W. McKinley, of Washington, and Miss Blanche D. Estle were married Thursday last in Waynesburg at the home of James Mahan. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Tipper, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that place, in the presence of a few friends. The bride is a prominent young woman of Waynesburg, and the groom is one of the best-known young business men of Washington.

Charles Bertoldy Stone, Lieutenant, Twenty-third Infantry, U. S. A., was married at Plattsburg, N. Y., December 4 to Miss Katherine Bonesteel, daughter of Mrs. C. H. Bonesteel, of Plattsburg Barracks. The wedding was a quiet one, owing to the recent death of the bride's father, Major C. H. Bonesteel, who died recently on a transport en route from Manila to San Francisco.

Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Portner announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Alma, to Julius H. Koehler, son of Casper Koehler, of St. Louis, Mo. The wedding will take place in the early spring. Mr. and Mrs. Portner and their younger children are at present in Europe, but will return to Washington in January.

The engagement is announced of Miss Miriam Walley Perkins and Albert H. Carroll. Miss Perkins is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins, of 1701 Connecticut Avenue. The wedding will take place at her home January

ter, Miss Elizabeth Norris Cushing, to Charles H. Knapp.

The engagement of Miss Baer, daughter of George F. Baer, president of the Reading Railroad, to Heber L. Smith, of New York, has been announced.

An engagement of much interest which has just been announced is that of Miss Nannie Sigourney to Ensign William Jeffers, U. S. N. Miss Sigourney is one of the most attractive girls in Baltimore society. She is a daughter of Mrs. F.

southern California and will be married when Mr. Hagner's ship reaches port.

Notes.

Among the recent distinguished visitors in town was J. St. Loe Strachey, editor of the "London Spectator," who came to this country for a short vacation and was the guest for awhile of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House. Mr. Strachey is one of the most brilliant among the younger literary men in London, and has recently come into special prominence through

working journalist. Besides the "London Spectator," which he owns and edits, Mr. Strachey owns "The Country Gentleman."

Mr. Strachey was very much pleased with his visit to America and deeply appreciated the hospitality he received. Unlike many of his countrymen, he had few criticisms to make of the life and customs on this side the water, but the over-heated cars he found intolerable and laughingly said he thought the Americans must be the best-natured people in the world to endure them.

Another distinguished visitor, who went to New York the early part of the week, was Dr. Emile Stocquart, of Brussels. Dr. Stocquart is the attorney for the court of appeals at Brussels and an ardent admirer of the United States. He was introduced to the President by Thomas F. Walsh and in greeting him said:

"Mr. President, you are known to me in a double aspect; as the President, the head of a great Commonwealth, probably the greatest nation on the earth, but also as one of those brave, capable, honest men, an honor to this country and mankind. Therefore, I am most proud to shake hands with you, Mr. President, and I am grateful, very grateful indeed, to our mutual friend, Mr. Walsh, for the favor, the great favor given to me today."

Dr. Stocquart said, in commenting upon the newspaper accounts of King Leopold:

"I am sorry when I read the American papers to see how Leopold, King of the Belgians, is misrepresented in his character. His only ambition is the welfare of his country and he considers himself nothing more than the first citizen of Belgium. His whole life has been devoted to his people. Sooner or later, of course, justice will be done and the world will name him as one of the greatest men of the century. I am not a courtier, I never spoke to the King, and am an independent in politics. I recognize, however, the grandeur of the man and his elevated purposes."

Mr. and Mrs. Foulke have sent out cards for a ball for Wednesday evening, December 24. The entertain-

celebrate the hunt at Cameron Run. All the noted riders in Virginia have been invited to the dinner.

Lieutenant Peary, civil engineer, U. S. N., and Mrs. Peary have taken apartments at 2014 Twelfth Street.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett has returned home from Mexico, where she established a Florence Crittenton industrial school.

Mrs. Seaton Schroeder introduced her daughter, Sally, at a tea Thursday afternoon. The distinguishing feature of Mrs. Schroeder's reception was the number of the resident set present. At no function this winter have so many of the old Washington people been gathered together. A daughter of a distinguished family said: "I am having a beautiful time here, as I call so many women by their first names."

Miss Schroeder was very pretty in her dainty white gown, and a table piled high with flowers attested her popularity. Mrs. John Poor and Miss Sallie Emory served cafe frappe and chocolate in the dining room. Mrs. Robert Chew poured tea and Miss Victoria Emory presided over the punch bowl. Mrs. Frank Schroeder, aunt of the debutante, came on from New York to receive with her niece. Mrs. Schroeder was also assisted in receiving by a number of the debutantes of this season.

Mrs. Arthur D. Marks will be at home Monday at the Coywood, 1223 L Street northwest.

Assistant Secretary of War Sanger, who has been in New York for the past few days, returned to Washington yesterday.

Justice Holmes, of the Supreme Court, reached Washington yesterday and will take the oath of office in the court Monday morning.

Hon. George W. Bowden, who passed last week in Washington, returned to his home in Norfolk on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Andrews and their two nieces, Miss Beale King Scovill and Miss Isabel Andrews Spears, of Cincinnati, sailed yesterday on the steamer New England from Boston for the Mediterranean. They will pass the winter in Italy.

Mrs. Charles Poor will give a tea on Wednesday, December 10, in honor of her guest, Miss Eleanor Wilson, of Wilmington, Pa.

Miss Mattie MacElroy, of Lebanon, Ky., will pass the next two weeks in Washington, as the guest of friends.

Mrs. Robert A. Williams, of Milwaukee, will visit Colonel and Mrs. Edwin F. Townsend for the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Brannon will go to Atlanta, Ga., the coming week for a visit of several days with friends there.

J. P. Spindle will leave for California on the 12th instant and sail on the Sierra from San Francisco on the 18th for Honolulu, where he has been appointed engineer of construction for the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company. His mother, Mrs. Margaret P. Spindle, will accompany him.

The Silver Wave Social Club will give a popular prize waiting contest at St. Joseph's Hall, Fifth and H Streets, Tuesday evening. Admission will be by card.

Mrs. Abner McKinley entertained at breakfast yesterday morning at the Hotel Manhattan, in honor of Mrs. Fairbanks, the wife of the Senator from Indiana.

Mrs. Howry, wife of Judge Charles B. Howry, of 1728 N Street northwest, will receive tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Edward Clifton Thomas will be at home Saturdays in December at 1737 Willard Street.

Mrs. A. Kaufman, 1512 Yale Street northwest, will be at home Friday, December 12, from 3 to 5.



Miss TEXAS BATES.

his warnings in the "Spectator" to England against Germany. Mr. Strachey is the son of an old and distinguished family which traces its origin to King John of England, and back even to the first Christian Duke of Bohemia, Wenceslaus.

The legend goes that Wenceslaus was invited by his younger brother, Borelaus, to the festivities in honor of the birth of the latter's son. Wenceslaus was murdered at the feast and the child was, in consequence, named Strachey-Quas, meaning in the Bohemian language "bloody banquet." This Strachey-Quas, who must have been previously married, became a monk and died suddenly on his installation as Bishop of Prag. The Emperor of Germany, Henry the Fowler, granted his family the right to bear the Imperial Eagle on his shield. One of the family had to flee to Italy, where the name of Strachio still lingers.

A branch of the Strachey family settled in America, and William Strachey was secretary to the colony of Virginia. There were nephews of the same William Strachey among the first settlers of Hog Island, and Sir Henry Strachey came to America with Lord Howe's commission to make peace with the United States. A son of George Strachey (Lionel Strachey) seventeenth in descent from William Strachey, secretary to the first Virginian colony, now lives in America.

The editor of the "Spectator" was born in Somersetshire, England, February 9, 1860. He obtained a degree at Balliol College, Oxford, and was admitted to the bar when he was twenty-five years of age, but never practiced law; two years later, he began his career as a



Miss PARKER.

ment is given in honor of their daughter, Gwendolyn, who was presented to society by her sister at a tea on Monday.

Mrs. Hope Slater entertained at an informal dinner Thursday evening.

Romola Rondanna, of Genoa, who is making a tour of the United States, passed last week at the Capital.

Courtland H. Smith will give a stag dinner at his country place, Hampton Farms, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, to

Representative SPENCER BLACKBURN.

Bryson Wood and a sister of Mrs. Harry A. Parr, Jr., formerly Miss Sophie Sigourney, whose marriage occurred shortly after her debut at the first Monday german last season.

The engagement of Miss Sallie Jones Nutwell, of Anne Arundel county, Md., to George Hildt Shepherd, of Baltimore, has been announced. The marriage will take place early in the winter.

Mrs. Robert Ray announces the engagement of her daughter, Helen, to Assistant Paymaster T. Thomas Hagner, U. S. N. Miss Ray will join her uncle in

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